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HOWARD COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH
October Meeting Minutes

DATE: October 24, 2017
TIME: 6:00 p.m.
PLACE: Howard County Health Department
8930 Stanford Blvd., Columbia, MD 21045

Members Present: Carlessia Hussein, Gary Stewart, Kevin Carlson Darryl Burnett, Matt Reber
Members Excused: Paul Nagy, Deborah Rivkin, Sheri Lewis, Bob Sheesley, Antigone Vickery, Deputy Health Officer
Guest: Student – Mihir Patel

Staff: Maura Rossman, Health Officer, Gloria Whittington, Administrative Assistant

Topic/Agenda	Discussion	Action/Follow-up
Welcome and Introductions	Carlessia Hussein opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m.	
Approval of Minutes	Motion to accept September’s minutes.	The motion to accept the September 2017 minutes was approved unanimously.
New Business	<p><u>Welcome/Introductions</u> Student: Mihir Patel – To observe a BOH Meeting, she is a Physician from India and student of Public Health in Howard County working on her residency.</p> <p><u>Departments 85th Anniversary Celebration presentation.</u> Celebration of 85 years of Health Dept. service in Howard County since 1932. Many Nurses and previous Health Officers that have worked here in the department a longtime ago and present were invited to help us celebrate. This event included stories of the Health Dept. from its early rural days up to today, lunch, keynote speaker (Dr. Rossman), a video, and singers. Due to budget constraints, we had this event in the place of the annual holiday event as we have done in the past. Funds we would have used for the department holiday party were used and the Bureau’s will have individual holiday gatherings either in the office or off site this year. The video that was too large to view through the computer was emailed to board members to look at on YouTube.</p> <p><u>Collection of BMI Data:</u> There was discussion about whether the BOH should write a letter related to the collection of BMI data. Collection of height and weight information for BMI data is no longer allowed by a current action by HC Board of Education. The Board of Education’s is an Elected Board. A letter was written by the Health Officer and shared with Carlessia then shared with the County Executive and his Chief of Staff Diane; they did not like the tone of the letter. They wanted to know the importance of BMI collections. There will not be a letter written from the board because of these concerns.</p>	<p>Youtube link for the 85th Anniversary video: https://youtu.be/u86t5yQ8ySA was emailed to board members.</p> <p>There was a meeting scheduled with the School Superintendent and Cindy and Dr. Rossman which was cancelled to discuss data sharing between the Health Department & Schools.</p>

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	<p>The Health Department feels BMI collection is important and data sharing and data collection concerns raised by the schools system can be worked out. Data sharing between State, Federal and Local agencies all have different rules on how and if data can be shared. The data obtained from data sharing would be helpful to HCHD. The next step is to meet with the School Superintendent then he can go back to his Board for approval.</p> <p>Board members suggest reviewing opening up the lines of discussion between Board Members. Should there be Policy & Procedures with the County for sharing data. Everyone agrees there is a need to share data but the question is how? Schools are bound by FERPA (Federal Education Rights and Privacy Act) for data collection and sharing. There are ongoing conversations about data sharing between the Health Department and School System.</p>	
Old Business	<p>Behavioral Health Integration: Integration of Mental Health Authority within the Bureau of Behavioral Health is still on track. We are working on creating MS22 Job specifications to recruit through the State hiring process. We are also working on the finance piece. Mental Health Authority has a Board which will be dissolved. There is also a substance abuse board (ADAAB: Alcohol Drug Abuse Advisory Board). We suggest a merger of both advisory boards into a single unified, coordinated system. A discussion item includes where unspent MHA funds will go after June 30, 2018.</p> <p>Opioid Crisis: Continuing to promote opioid misuse awareness and educate on opioid prevention. We would like to get all staff and the public trained on the use of Narcan. Aetna (Insurance) donated 300 Narcan kits placed in all Howard County buildings. Saturday, October 28, 2017 is Take Back Drug Day where you can turn in any unused or old drugs you may have in your home as safety precautions. The Health Department is working to hire a Program Administrator to help coordinate all the many opioid-related activities.</p> <p>Needle exchange, proposal was sent to the State, more to come on this at a later date.</p>	<p>Periodic updates will be provided on the progress of Behavioral Health integration process during upcoming BOH meeting.</p> <p>Periodic updates will be provided on the progress on the various activities related to the opioid crisis during upcoming BOH meetings.</p>
Other Business	<p>Flu vaccine is a good match for the flu strain identified in Maryland; all were type A (H3). This year's Vaccine includes A 1N1) pdm09 [52], A (H3N2) [232], B/Victoria [31], B/Yamagata [75].</p> <p>The Department today had a grand opening of the County's first school –based wellness center inside a high school at Wilde Lake. One of nine operating within Howard County Schools providing health services to hard to reach adolescent populations</p>	

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	<p>Suggested topics for future meetings: Environmental Health (Food Trucks) & Emergency Preparedness</p> <p>December 26 meeting – Reschedule to December 19, 2017</p> <p>Next BOH meeting scheduled for November 28, 2017</p>	B.O.H. Members approved date change for December meeting
Adjournment	<i>There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.</i>	

Next Board of Health Meeting: November 28, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at Howard Co. Health Department 8930 Stanford Blvd. 1st Floor, Columbia, MD 21045